be constitutionally valid, and the State Government desired to withdraw it. The President with-held his assent from the Bill on 28-2-85 and this was intimated to the State Government.

Sri Lankan Tamil refugees leaving camps in Bhubaneshwar

214. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lanka Tamil refugees are abandoning their camps in Bhubaneswar for going to camps in Tamil Nadu: and

(b) if so, the number of refugees who have left Bhubaneswar camps so far and the number of refugees who are still there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Sri Lankan Tamil refugees were lodged in camps in Malkangiri in District Koraput and not in Bhubaneswar, 1176 refugees have left the camps in Orissa and 433 refugees are still there in these camps.

Appearance of VIPs in New Bulletins in Doordarshan

215. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The number of times the Prime Minister, the Dy. Prime Minister and the Minister of Information and Broadcasting had appeared in news Bulletins in Doordarshan during the last two months; and

(b) the reasons of such frequent visuals of such VIP's?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The visuals of the Prime Minister the former Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Information and Broadcasting were shown on 67, 2 and 6 occasions respectively in the various news bulletins telecast on Doordarshan's national network during the months of May and June, 1990.

(b) The focus in the news coverage is on the importance of the event and not on the individuals. The inclusion of visuals is, therefore, made strictly on the basis of the news value of the event. Considering the number of news buletins daily telecast in the nationnal nework of Doordarshan, the number of occasions on which the visual coverage of the aforesaid political personalities was included cannot in any way be termed to be too frequent.

Restricted area permit in NE region

216. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the restricted area permit for foreigners in the North East region is proposed to be lifted;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various factors like proximity to the International Border, general Law and Order situation, sensitivity of the States and presence of insurgent elements etc., are the reasons for not lifting the restricted area permit for foreigners in the North East region.

जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा पंजाब में राजनीतिक प्रक्रिया

217. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल :
श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार पंजाब तथा जम्मू और कश्मीर में राज-